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Steben L. Beshear Gobernor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, Protecting America's homeland and citizens is the shared responsibility of every citizen; and
- WHEREAS, Individuals can prepare themselves and their families for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, and getting involved in preparing their community. These activities create a culture of preparedness and can help save lives; and
- WHEREAS, Homeland security and safety are essential elements in our citizens' best interests, and which as a matter of personal responsibility, call for anticipation as well as foresee ability against a variety of potential threats or hazards, and
- WHEREAS, This month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to America's first responders who put themselves at risk for the safety of their fellow citizens. These brave police officers, firefighters, and emergency service personnel exemplify the compassion and commitment that help strengthen our Commonwealth and our country. We will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS, I encourage all Kentuckians to get involved in their community's preparedness efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and do commend this observance to all.

THE STAND ROCKET

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR GOVERNOR

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